

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
February 27, 2024
Approved - March 26, 2024

Chairman P. LaRochelle convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

P. LaRochelle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

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Paul LaRochelle, Chairman
Brock Mitchell, Vice- Chairman
Andrew Morse, Selectman
Nicholas Buonopane, Selectman, Excused
Richard Shea, Selectmen

Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle stated that there are two amendments to the agenda. The first is Seasonal Weight Limits and the second is an introduction of the new Fire Chief. B. Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements

- The Public Participation Policy applies to all Selectmen meetings. A copy of it is on the back of each agenda, posted outside this meeting room, and on our website.
- Alton Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office will be closed on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. For the Town/School Election, which will be held in the gymnasium of Prospect Mountain High School from 7 am - 7pm. The office will re-open on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 12:00 pm.
- Seasonal Weight Limits from the Public Works Department will be in effect on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 3:00 pm. The seasonal weight limit will be posted with proper signage for all roads and will remain in effect until the spring thawing has occurred.

Introduction

P. LaRochelle asked the new Fire Chief to come up. P. LaRochelle introduced J. Reinert as the new Fire Chief for the Town of Alton. P. LaRochelle swore in J. Reinert as the new Fire Chief.

Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)

J. Houser approached the table. She stated that she feel that the Swap Shop is a significant benefit to the Town. She would like to thank the Board for their cooperation in managing the shrub donation for Ginny Douglas Park.

A. Casale approached the table. He wanted to thank the Board for their efforts for the Swap Shop. He stated that he was excited to see the line item for Little Fenway.

R. Larson approached the table. She wanted to thank the Boad for listening to this issue and J. Blackwood for initiating the discussion for the Swap Shop.

S. Stevens approached the table. She would like to see the Swap Shop reopened.

Appointments

Joan Blackwood - Swap Shop

J. Blackwood approached the table. She tanked the Board for allowing her to do this presentation. She has suggestions for the Swap Shop. She has called twelve Towns about their Swap Shops. She stated that our Swap Shop can be managed. She went one by one with all of the problems and the solutions that she has come up with.

New Business

1. Shrub Donation - Ginny Douglas Park

J. Houser approached the table. R. Heath stated that the Public Works Director has agreed to pick up the additional \$13.00 over the donated amount of \$50.00 donated by the Alton Garden Club.

B. Mitchell made a motion to approve the donation of shrubs from the Alton and allow the Public Works Director to cover the additional \$13.00 from his budget and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

None

Selectmen Reports

R. Shea stated that there was an HHW meeting last week. The Budget Committee has fulfilled their duties as of the Deliberative Session.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

B. Mitchell had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that he had nothing to report but would like to mention the passing of Robert Whitman. He was a well respected man in Town.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that policy 4.11 on the table is a housekeeping item. This was previously discussed at a Board meeting and was told to make the changes and bring it back.

B. Mitchell made a motion to approve the changes to policy 4.11 in the Employee Manual and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Heath stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 12, which is Election Day. The meeting needs to be rescheduled. The Board discussed available date. It was the consensus of the Board to move the meeting to March 14, 2024.

R. Heath stated that he needed to get the times that the Selectmen would be available for Election Day. Times were discussed between the Board.

Approval of Minutes

February 13, 2024 - Public Session

R. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes for February 13, 2024 Public Session and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda Approval

B. Mitchell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for February 27, 2024 as presented and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Fire Department

Forest Fire Warden Appointment List
Decoff, Charles, Per Diem Firefighter, \$17.95/hr, Effective 2/27/2024
Machiori, Lucinda, Per Diem Paramedic, \$21.45/hr, Effective 2/27/2024

2. Friends of Parks and Recreation Committee

Houser, Jill, 2-year term, Exp. March 2026
Fencer, Joanna, 2-year term, Exp. March 2026

3. Conservation Commission

Lamper, Tara, 1-year term, Exp. March 2025

4. Administration

Roy, Linda, Deputy Town Treasurer, \$1,000.00/ yr.

5. Police Department

Peaslee, Joshua, FT Police Officer, \$31.60/hr, Effective 3/10/2024

6. Land Use Items

Timber Tax

Lakes Hospitality Group LLC; Map 16 Lots 18 & 20; Cherry Vally Road; \$494.54

Veterans Tax Credits

McKenzie; Map 1 Lot 19-2; Africa Road; \$750
Comstock, Kimberly; Map 25 Lot 29; Franklin Way; \$750
Comstock, Kenneth; Map 25 Lot 29; Franklin Way; \$2,150

Land Use Change Tax

Meyer Rev. Trust; Map 15 Lot 60-9; Brynn Lane; \$10,000

Current Use Application

Wilder; Map 57 Lot 7; Woodlands Road; N/A

Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

None

Public Input II (*limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business*)

L. Carr approached the table. He would like to thank the Board for upgrading the sound system in the meeting room.

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

B. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey